

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SOLE INVENTOR

1. As below named inventor, I hereby declare that my address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the sole, original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

“PRESSURIZATION SYSTEM FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS”

the specification of which:

is attached or

was filed on _____ as Serial No. _____.

2. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

3. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

4. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Country	Application Serial No.	Date of Filing (day, mo., yr.)	Priority Claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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5. I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, and § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
60/256,010	December 15, 2000	Pending

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

7. As named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners at Customer Number 27267:



to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

8. Please send all correspondence to the above-mentioned Customer Number.

9. As named inventor, I hereby appoint the attorneys listed in paragraph 7 as my domestic representatives for the invention identified in paragraph 1 with full power of substitution and revocation, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and in the U.S. courts in connection therewith. They are also designated as domestic representative on whom process or notice of proceedings affecting the application or patents issuing therefrom may be served.

10. I hereby authorize the U.S. attorneys named in paragraph 7 to accept and follow instruction from General Dynamics OTS (Aerospace), Inc., as to any actions to be taken in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and us. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, I will notify the U.S. attorneys.

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